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SUBJECT: U.S./POLAND FISHERIES AGREEMENTS

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1. ON MAY 29 AND 30, U.S. AND POLAND SIGNED BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS COVERING ATLANTIC AND WEST COAST RESPECTIVELY.
2. ATLANTIC AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR INCREASED PROTECTION FOR U.S. CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES RESOURCES AND FOR CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. CONSUMERS AND FISHERMEN. NEW RESTRICTIONS ON POLISH FISHERY INCLUDE REDUCTION IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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POLES MAY FISH AND REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT OF POLISH CATCH. POLES AGREED FOR FIRST TIME TO TAKE STRONG MEASURES TO AVOID AN INCIDENTAL CATCH OF RIVER HERRING. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS PERMIT USE OF U.S. OBSERVERS UPON POLISH

VESSELS TO ENSURE THAT RESTRICTIONS ARE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. MEASURES TO PREVENT GEAR CONFLICTS ARE INCLUDED. AGREEMENT CONTINUES THE EXISTING U.S./POLISH FISHERIES BOARD TO SETTLE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE DONE. IN RETURN FOR MEASURES RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF THE POLISH FISHERIES ACTIVITIES, THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE TO PERMIT POLISH FISHING VESSELS TO CONDUCT LOADING OPERATIONS IN U.S. CONTIGUOUS

FISHERIES ZONES IN 3 LOCALITIES AND TO MAKE LIMITED PORT CALLS AS BEFORE. A NEW PROVISION PERMITS POLISH VESSELS TO EXCHANGE CREWS IN NEW YORK. THIS AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE JULY 1, 1975 AND EXTENDS TO JUNE 30, 1976. AT REQUEST OF EITHER GOVERNMENT, IT CAN BE TERMINATED ON ONE MONTH NOTICE.

3. PACIFIC COAST AGREEMENT IS FIRST SUCH AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH POLES. POLAND AGREED TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF HER FISHING EFFORT IN 1975 IN NORTH PACIFIC TO NOT MORE THAN 15 VESSELS OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN 11 MAY FISH AT ANY ONE TIME. THE 11 VESSLES WILL BE DISPERSED IN A MANNER TO AVOID A CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT IN ONE LOCALITY. NOT MORE THAN 4 OF THE 11 MAY FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA AT ANY ONE TIME. POLES AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM FISHING FOR SALMON, HALIBUT, ROCKFISH, BLACKCOD, FLOUNDERS AND SOLES, ANCHOVY, PACIFIC MACKERAL AND SHRIMP. DURING PERIOD OF AGREEMENT, POLES WILL BEGIN TO SWITCH FROM BOTTOM TRAWLING TO PELAGIC TRAWLING THUS MINIMIZING CHANCES OF CATCHING BOTTOM SPECIES WHICH U.S. FISHERMEN SEEK. AGREEMENT ALSO PLACES MANY RESTRICTIONS IN BOTH FISHING SEASON AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA UPON POLISH FISHERIES. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN LATEST U.S. - JAPAN AGREEMENTS. RESEARCH, OBSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN ATLANTIC AGREEMENT. IN RETURN FOR POLISH CONCESSIONS, U.S. WILL PERMIT POLISH VESSELS TO CONDUCT LOADING OPERATIONS IN TWO PLACES IN U.S. CONTIGUOUS FISHERIES ZONE. AGREEMENT EXTENDS FROM JUNE 15 TO DECEMBER 31, 1975, WITH TERMINATION POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ON ONE MONTH'S NOTICE.

4. ALL ABOVE INFORMATION IS UNCLASSIFIED AND MAY BE PASSED TO INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. INGERSOLL

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